

Ms. Knuth

ELA 7

First Draft Due March 16, 2015

Assignment: Write Historical Fiction about Thomas Edison

You will be writing a historical fiction short story about Thomas Edison that includes characters from a time and place in Thomas Edison's life. Your story should include at least one important event from Thomas Edison's life and should give an accurate (factual) description of that event. It is not necessary that your narrator witness everything first hand, just that he/she knows people who are close to the event. It is very important that the writing be believable and show an accurate understanding of the life and times of Thomas Edison. For example, modern slang would be out of place during Edison's lifespan and make the story less believable. Avoid including anything that is not appropriate for the time period, especially technology that did not exist at the time. Pay close attention to the sequencing of events as chronological presentation will make your story seem more possible.

Your story should be at least 500 words (about two pages) with double-spaced Times New Roman 12 point font. The first draft of your story is due during class on Monday, March 16. You will have opportunities for peer feedback and be given time for the story to rest before revising toward a final draft.

You will need to include a bibliography with your story, so keep track of all research and resources that you consult during the investigative process. A bibliography of resources from the foundational materials will be provided for you in a Google document. You should add your individual resources to the list.

### Student Checklist:

- ☐ I have talked to Ms. Knuth about my setting, characters, conflict, and events.
- ☐ My story has a historically accurate setting.
- ☐ My story includes characters that fit into my setting and are historically accurate.
- ☐ My story includes at least one event that is accurately described.
- ☐ My writing is accurate, my tone is realistic, and I have no modern slang or technology.
- ☐ My story is at least 500 words long.
- ☐ The spelling and grammar in my story are correct.
- ☐ I have included a bibliography that lists all resources consulted.
- ☐ I have included a heading, title, and double-spaced using 12 point Times New Roman.